

Career Outlook: Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Criminal Justice (B.S.) **Minor:** Criminal Justice

Fields of Emphasis: Corrections, Tribal Justice, Victimology, Law Enforcement

Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/criminal_justice

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

Criminal Justice majors can work in a variety of settings including corrections, probation, customs, and police or sheriff's departments. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that police and detectives held about 808,700 jobs in 2018. Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists held about 91,600 jobs in 2018. Most jobs, close to 97%, are found through state or local governments. OOH reports that the nationwide demand for police officers is expected to grow 5% (as fast as average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between \$36,550 and \$106,090 per year. The median pay for 2018 was \$63,380. Employment of probation officers is expected to grow 3% (slower than average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between \$34,630 and \$94,770 per year. The median pay for 2018 was \$53,020 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Criminal Justice graduates. Of the 67 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Criminal Justice (B.S.) graduates, 80% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 17.9% of graduates continued their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Arrowhead Regional Corrections	Probation Officer	Duluth, MN
Bureau of Prisons	Education Technician	Duluth, MN
City of Bemidji	Law Enforcement Officer	Bemidji, MN
City of Virginia	Police Officer	Virginia, MN
Duluth Police Department	Parking Service Agent	Duluth, MN
Itasca County	Legal Support Specialist	Grand Rapids, MN
Messerli & Kramer, P.A.	Legal Assistant	Plymouth, MN
MN Department of Corrections	Corrections Officer	Moose Lake, MN
Northwestern MN Juvenile Ctr. (x3)	Corrections Worker	Bemidji, MN
Pierre Police Department	Police Officer	Pierre, SD
Red Lake Tribal Courts	Probation Officer	Red Lake, MN
Rice County Sheriff's Office	Deputy Sheriff	Faribault, MN
St. Paul Parks and Recreation	Park Security Officer	St. Paul, MN
Target	Asset Protection Specialist	Minneapolis, MN
United States Air Force	Security Forces	Great Falls, MT
Village Ranch	Residential Counselor	Annandale, MN
Violence Intervention Project	Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocate	Thief River Falls, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU CJ MAJORS HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Alexandria Technical Community College, Alexandria, MN
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN
- Northeastern University, Boston, MA
- Northland Community and Technical College Thief River Falls, MN
- St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
- Vermilion Community College, Ely, MN
- William James College, Newton, MA

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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